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Plzen-Roudna Ammunition Dump

Located just west-northwest of the confluence of the Mze and Radbuza rivers, on a rocky hill [redacted] Construction of the installation began in 1953. The entrance to the underground dump is located at the southwestern end [redacted] The informant does not know the dimensions of this storage dump, but heard that cave-ins have occurred in a gallery located 200 meters from the entrance. A guard post is located near the entrance; it consists of a one-story structure of hard materials [other than wood], 4x4 meters. The guard contingent, composed of 5 men, is relieved every 24 hours. The area is not enclosed and there is no sign prohibiting access to it. Nevertheless, whenever anyone approaches the dump, the guards intervene at once and prevent him from loitering there. The ammunition is brought in at night by truck. Only deliveries were observed (ammunition for submachine guns, rifles, etc.); The entrance to the dump was illuminated by searchlights.

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U Zidovskeho Hrbítova Ammunition Dump

Located on a rocky hill south of the Plzen-Prague national highway and bordering on the south-southwestern edge of the Jewish cemetery and on the east side of the secondary road which connects Bozkov to the national highway [redacted]

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[redacted] The dump, which is about 600x200 meters, was built in 1953-1954. The entrance must be at the north-northwestern end of the hill [redacted] for the ammunition trucks always go to that area. Observation

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is always impossible because of the existence of a screen of trees and bushes. In April 1955, the informant observed for the first time ammunition-laden army trucks entering the area. During the summer, the informant observed trucks carrying ammunition boxes similar to those for 82-mm mortar shells; never saw any withdrawals of ammunition. This installation is constantly guarded by a contingent of 30 men supplied by the units billeted in the Slovany barracks; their meals are brought to them. The guard is relieved twice weekly. Two guards, stationed at the entrance, check on vehicles entering or exiting, while the other guards patrol along the enclosure.

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